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OFFICER IS SHOT DOWN BY ASSASSIN

Special Officer Hopkinson of the Immigration Department Falls Victim to Attack in the Provincial Courthouse.

MAIWA SINGH CHARGED WITH COMMITTING CRIME

Janitor of the Building Makes Plucky Capture—Mr. Hopkinson Was Clever Linguist and Much Trusted Officer.

Shot down before he had an opportunity to make more than one ineffectual movement in his own defence, Mr. William C. Hopkinson, a special officer and Hindu interpreter attached to the Dominion Immigration service, met sudden death yesterday morning in a corridor of the Provincial Court House, Maiwa, or as the name is also given, Mewa Singh, is now under arrest charged with the murder of the officer, while eight other Hindus are under detention and will be called as special witnesses when the case comes to the attention of the courts. They are Basant Singh, Sohan Lal, Jowalla Singh, Sundar Singh, Kalvo Singh, Duleep Singh, Isher Sing and Natha Singh.

Mr. Hopkinson, and all the Hindus now under arrest, had been subpoenaed to give evidence in the case against Bela Singh. The trial of the latter was not fixed to take place yesterday morning, but there is a standing order that all witnesses must appear every morning at the court house, unless otherwise advised, to be in readiness. Mr. Hopkinson bade a cheery farewell to Inspector Paul Howard at a few minutes to 10 o'clock. A quarter of an hour later he was dead.

Shot Through the Heart.

The unfortunate officer, according to accounts given, was standing at the barristers' entrance to the Assize Court, his hands in his pockets, when Maiwa Singh stepping up to him quickly drew a revolver and discharged it at him. Mr. Hopkinson reached forward to grapple with the assassin, only to receive another bullet in the region of the heart. He sank in a heap on the floor, and four further shots were discharged into his body.

The firing was heard by Mr. James McCann, janitor of the court house, and Detectives Macdonald, Crewe and Sunstrum, who were standing in a group at the bottom of the stairs leading to the second floor, where the shooting took place. As the four men started up the stairway, eight Hindus dashed down towards them.

"Grab them," yelled McCann, who, while the officers were thus engaged, rushed up the stairs just in time, according to his own statement, to see Maiwa Singh standing over the prostrate body of the immigration officer with two smoking revolvers in his hand. McCann jumped for the officer's assailant and grasped him. He succeeded in getting the two revolvers away. Tugging and pulling his unwilling captive, McCann descended the stairs and handed him over to the detectives, who had just completed the capture of the eight other Hindus.

According to McCann there was not another soul in sight except the Hindu and his victim when he sprang to the rescue. The chambers of one revolver were empty while one shot had been discharged from the other. The weapons, one black and the other nickle plated, were of .32 calibre.

Maiwa Singh is a rather short thickset man with a full black beard. He was placed in a separate cell at the court house until his transfer to the City Gaol was effected. The other eight men, who say they had no connection with the shooting, were placed together.

Arrested at Abbotsford.

Maiwa Singh is stated to be the Hindu who was arrested at Abbotsford at the time of the Komogata Maru incident, on a charge of smuggling arms into Canada. He was fined $50 at that time for carrying concealed weapons. On another occasion, when he was arrested for carrying arms, he secured his freedom through the intervention of Mr. Hopkinson. When questioned by officers regarding the shooting Maiwa refused to give any reasons for the deed with which he is charged.

It was largely on Mr. Hopkinson's evidence that Ram Singh was acquitted on Tuesday, and Ram Singh's release is said to have been a bitter disappointment to Maiwa Singh and his coterie.

The remains of the deceased officer were removed to the Dominion Undertaking Parlors. An inquest will be held at the Police Station by Coroner Dr. Jeffs this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Malcolm Reid's Tribute.

"He was not only an energetic and popular officer, but he was one of the most capable interpreters upon the American continent, and I shall hardly be exaggerating if I say that his death

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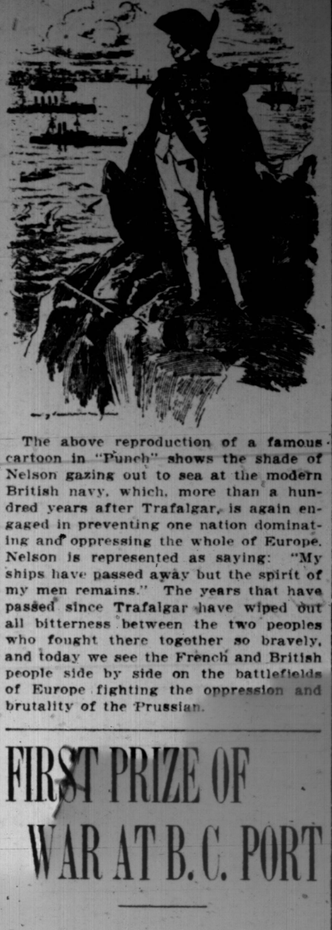
Celebration of Tratalgar Day



The above reproduction of a famous cartoon in "Punch" shows the shade of Nelson gazing out to sea at the modern British navy, which, more than a hundred years after Trafalgar, is again engaged in preventing one nation dominating and oppressing the whole of Europe. Nelson is represented as saying: "My ships have passed away but the spirit of my men remains." The years that have passed since Trafalgar have wiped out all bitterness between the two peoples who fought there together so bravely, and today we see the French and British people side by side on the battlefields of Europe fighting the oppression and brutality of the Prussian.

FIRST PRIZE OF WAR AT B.C. PORT

Steamship Lowther Range Arrives at Esquimalt in Charge of Prize Crew Taken From British Cruiser.

Special to the News-Advertiser.

Victoria, Oct. 21.—Suspected of having coal aboard which might be destined for the enemy's ships, the British steamship Lowther Range, with a prize crew in charge of her from a British cruiser, was today brought to Esquimalt Harbor.

The Lowther Range was seized by a cruiser in the Gulf of California and as Captain Cundey, master of the vessel, could not give a satisfactory explanation to the boarding officers regarding the destination of his fuel cargo, there was no alternative open to the commander of the cruiser but to place a prize crew aboard and dispatch her north to the British Columbia base. This is the first prize that has been brought to Esquimalt since the outbreak of the war. She is now swinging at a buoy in Esquimalt Harbor and all those aboard are kept closely under guard by the armed naval force from the cruiser.

According to the latest maritime reports the Lowther Range was bound from Rockhampton, U. S. A., for Port Pirie, South Australia. She is reported sailing from Rockhampton on August 6 by way of the Straits of Magellan and the fact that she was located by the warship off the Gulf of California drawing, it is said, considerably less water than the draft given by her papers upon clearing from the Atlantic port, immediately aroused the suspicions of the naval officers sent aboard the vessel from the cruiser to investigate.

After putting the prize crew on board the cruiser got in touch with another cruiser by wireless and turned her over to the Canadian cruiser which headed the Lowther Range into port.

The second warship steamed into Esquimalt Harbor this forenoon after completing a cruise in the south. She was followed about 3 o'clock this afternoon by the Lowther Range, which after lying outside for some time, was headed slowly past the Fisgard Light. Considerable interest was evinced on the waterfront regarding the movements of the steamer as she was a total stranger to these waters.

It is significant that in steaming from the Atlantic coast, via the Straits of Magellan, to Port Pirie, the coal carrier upon passing out at Cape Pillar, would naturally have set a direct course across the Southern Pacific. Having sailed on August 6 it was impossible for her to make the passage through the Panama Canal. Her position off the Gulf of California, which is half way between Victoria and the Canal zone, could not be satisfactorily accounted for and she was placed under arrest.

The Lowther Range is owned by the Neptune Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., Furness, Withy Company Ltd., Sunderland, which is her port of registry. She was built in 1906 at the Furness, Withy Yards, Sunderland. Her dimensions are length 340 feet, beam 47.1 feet and depth 27 feet.

No such place as Rockhampton, U. S. A., can be found in any gazetteer.

lae," "The Soldier's Farewell" and Sleeps the Brave?" was encored. o were a number of individual such as "The Death of Nelson," was excellently rendered. It was ry spirited rendering of "The n's Song" by Mr. Walter Steven- fine bass, that raised the audi- greatest enthusiasm. Mr. Alex- Henderson K.C., rendered "The ge" with fine spirit and Miss E. ggart, Miss Craigen, Mrs. Rob- Mr. W. H. Nanson ("The Death of "); Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Ira ove made happy vocal contribu- Mr. H. S. Barlow accompanied.

ELGIAN ARMY FIGHTS BRAVELY

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every effort of the Allies to dis- them have met with failure. d by British warships, which bombarded villages held by the ns, the Allies are reported to have the Teuton force advancing the coast between two fires and e hurled them back to within six of Ostend.

Allies Hold Their Ground.

official statement issued by the War Office reports a violent on the left wing with the Allies' holding their ground everywhere. text follows: "On our left wing he North Sea as far as La Bassee, several fronts, from Nieuwport to de, from Ypres to Menin, and Warneton to La Bassee, a violent has been fought during the day. ording to the last advices the al- orces were holding their ground here.

ere is nothing to report regarding ntre or the right wing.

ssia—The German army which dvanced on Warsaw was forced day to beat a precipitate retreat, emy abandoning the positions they had established for defence. ussians are in pursuit and have ed a number of prisoners."

ite the bombardment of the Al- ositions by the German heavy ar- the Belgian army today forced aders to retire nearly five miles.

Marvellous Fighting Spirit.

Albert's forces with the English l on their extreme wing are g a marvellous fighting spirit de- their long, hard campaign and ver the loss of Antwerp and other ities.

he terrific open struggle which en in progress along the frontier, veral days the Belgians with the French and British, have repelled he greatest energy incessant Ger- ttacks.

he Lys, the French were closely d with general success. Three sharpshooters performed a brif- eat in defending a bridge, the pos- of which was of the greatest gical importance to both.

Germans made a cavalry dash in ort to seize the passage, but the men behind a mill 75 yards away their magazine fire into the Ger- until the latter retired, leaving until the latter retired, leaving nd Lille, where the British are in there has been fierce fighting, larly in the neighborhood of La , which threatens the German sion of Lille. Street fighting has ery severe between the long lines ses, connecting the sister towns o ix and Tourcoing. In a bakery the German troopers was found ven almost suffocated.

g the centre the artillery action ued without great change, but sev- the British gunboats which are supporting the extreme left of the Allies' line, has utterly failed.

The German guns have been dismounted by wonderfully accurate shooting from the fleet and by the artillery of the naval brigade now in action along the coast.

The "Daily Mail" correspondent in a dispatch dated "Behind the Allies' left wing," says he hears the Germans are on the point of evacuating Bruges. He is unable to say whether the Allies have yet recaptured Ostend, but declares the possession of Ostend makes no real difference to the situation, which is daily improving for the Allies.

"The German Channel army," the correspondent adds, "zig-zags undefinedly between the coast and Lille and it cannot be long before the enemy is crumpled up and his forces hurled back into Germany."

Battle Very Important.

The military expert of the "London Times" this morning says: "It is difficult to overrate the importance of this battle in Northwestern France. Victory on one side or the other will mean the recovery of strategic liberty, and in the event of German defeat, Belgium may be recovered by the Allies. If a stalemate ensues, then conditions on the Aisne may be repeated up to a certain point. The control of the sea, which we exercise, enables us to throw troops ashore when and where we will to outflank any German line which rests its right upon the coast. Our troops in this theatre act with many advantages owing to the proximity of home territory and the whole situation affords ground for hope."

Both the allies and the Germans have begun to fortify their position in vicinity of Antwerp. The Allies are evidently throwing up entrenchments for protection against German artillery which reached the front so the Germans probably prepare to use their defensive works for a haven if they are forced to retreat after gaining ground in future offensive operations. Although the tide of hostilities in the north have been swinging to and fro on Belgian soil the decisive result is not yet in sight.

The "Daily Mail's" correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs that the whole of Belgium is being reorganized in German fashion, several villages being placed under the Ober-Burgermeister.

German convicts are working night and day repairing the forts at Liege and Namur.

Bridges have been erected over the Meuse between Liege and Vise to prepare the way for a German retreat.

Three Zeppelin sheds are being built at Brussels and four at Antwerp.

OFFICER IS SHOT DOWN BY ASSASSIN

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is an almost irretrievable loss so far as our immigration office here is concerned." In these words Mr. Malcolm R. J. Reid, head of the Immigration Department for British Columbia, referred when talking with "The News-Advertiser" of the death of his interpreter.

Mr. Reid admitted that Mr. Hopkinson's tragic death was not altogether unexpected, as he, in common with other immigration officials at Vancouver, had been threatened with death upon a number of occasions during and since the Komagata Maru affair. Last year Mr. Hopkinson was fired upon twice when in San Francisco. "It is a singular coincidence," added Mr. Reid, "that Mr. Hopkinson went out of his way to do more than one kindness to this particular Hindu—who was regarded by us as by no means a bad fellow until the experience at Sumas during the Komagata Maru affair. It was after that affair, when Maiwa Singh was arrested near Sumas with 600 rounds of ammunition and a revolver in his possession, that we were about to prefer another charge against him, but Hopkinson interceded for him."

The late interpreter was born in England only 34 years ago, and was taken to India when a baby. Later he became inspector of police in the Calcutta district and acquitted himself very creditably, but eventually left for Canada on account of ill-health. He was an exceptionally tall, good-looking man of swarthy complexion, and could speak quite a number of native languages. He was a member of the Orange Order (being attached to Ebenezer Lodge, L. O. L. 1589) and also of a Calcutta lodge of Masons, and was a corporal in the 6th Regiment.

Knew His Life Was in Peril.

Mr. Hopkinson was an unassuming man of few words, and was certainly not generally disliked by the Hindus here. He had, however, no illusions as to the danger in which his life was placed by the prominent part he had to play in Hindu affairs here. Curiously enough, this fact was emphasized only two days before he died. He happened to be in conversation with a member of the staff of this paper, when the latter asked him, apropos of the recent Hindu Temple murders, "Who are they going to get next?" "Oh, I understand they are after either me or Reid," was the laughing reply. "You don't look too nervous about it," commented the newspaperman as he left the car, and Hopkinson replied laconically, "Why should I?"

It has been suggested that—as in the case of Constables Archibald and Levis—the remains should be accorded a public funeral. A sad feature about the death of the interpreter is that he leaves a widow and two small children, one six years old and the other two.

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